Progress of Indo-Bhutan Border Road

1891. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual status of progress of work of National Highway No. 152 connecting National Highway 31 at Patsalq to Indo-Bhutan Border area in Assam;

(b) the length of road already completed and total length of road yet to be completed; and

(c) the targeted year for the completion and organisation that has been engaged for the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Out of the total length of 38 km of NH-152, double laning from km 0.00 to km 2.150 has already been completed in the year 2003. The work of two laning with paved shoulders for the entire 38 km length of NH-152 is included under Phase 'A' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme—North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE), which has been approved by the Government on 22.9.2005 for implementation. The State PWD of Assam is to undertake implementation of the works and preparation of Detailed Project Report has been taken up. The work is targeted for completion by March, 2009.

Construction of East-West Corridor in M.P.

†1892. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places between which the East-West Corridor would be constructed and the target fixed for its completion;

(b) the current status thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that at present the construction work of East-West Corridor is going on in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether the concerned State Government is providing adequate security to the persons engaged in construction of corridor; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.